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In re Patent Application of

Jerome R. Bellegarda et al.

Application No.: 10/644,815

Filing Date: August 21, 2003

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
AUTOMATIC FILE CLUSTERING
INTO A DATA-DRIVEN,

) MAIL STOP AF
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) Group Art Unit: 2168
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) Examiner: Mahesh H Dwivedi
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☐ _____ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$ 65 ☐ \$ 130 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are: _____
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$ 395 ☐ \$ 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____ on _____ for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	45	45	0	x \$ 50 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	5	5	0	x \$ 200 (1201)	0
<input type="checkbox"/> If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 360 (1203)					\$ 0
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0

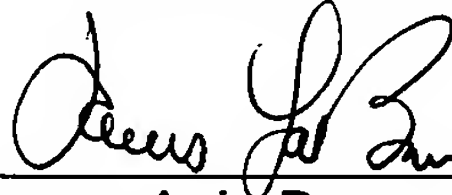
- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

Claims 1-11, 13-28 and 30-47 remain pending. Claims 1, 11, 17, 28 and 38 are independent.

§103 REJECTION - BELLEGARDA, MILLIER

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-8, 11-16, 17-24, 27-34 and 38-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Bellegarda et al. (article entitled "Exploiting Latent Semantic Information in Statistical Language Modeling," dated October 26, 2000) in view of Millier et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,899,995). See *Final Office Action*, items 6-7 on pages 3-26. Since claims 12 and 29 were canceled in the previous Reply submitted on March 21, 2007, Applicants will treat claims 1-8, 11, 13-16, 17-24, 27-28, 30-34 and 38-47 as being rejected. Applicants respectfully traverse.